

AWARDING PETTY OFFICER HAROLD "RAY" SCOTT A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Petty Officer Harold Scott with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Navy exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Petty Officer Scott is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Petty Officer Scott is a true American patriot whose sacrifices truly bettered the United States of America. As a volunteer, Petty Officer Scott was willing to risk his life to protect the freedoms he takes pride in.

Petty Officer Scott held multiple positions as a versatile serviceman. As a Fireman in the engine room, he maintained order and created an environment of order to ensure nothing would happen to the ship. During a time when the United States of America needed strong young men to step up, Petty Officer Scott certainly delivered during his time in the Korean War. Serving across various ports on the east coast, west coast, and along the Mediterranean sea, Petty Officer Scott sacrificed all he could with no complaint.

I am beyond honored to have Petty Officer Scott in Texas' 4th Congressional district and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING LEONA COOPER-BAKER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians to recognize Leona Cooper-Baker for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, the date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Leona Cooper-Baker's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Leona Cooper-Baker for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

HONORING DR. JENNIFER BLACK AS IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise to name Dr. Jennifer Black as Iowan of the week. Through her work with All Care Health Center in Council Bluffs, Jennifer has committed to providing quality dental services to underserved communities.

Jennifer is a lifelong Iowan, who was born and raised in Council Bluffs. She attended Lewis Central High School, and then graduated from the University of Iowa's College of Dentistry. Following her graduation, Jennifer practiced dentistry in Red Oak where she served rural Iowans who often face challenges accessing care.

Jennifer then moved with her husband back to her hometown of Council Bluffs, joining the staff at All Care Health Center where she has been for the past 4 years. All Care is a community health center that has been serving the Council Bluffs area for over 25 years, and they particularly focus on removing barriers to quality care for those with the greatest need. One of the elements that stands out about All Care's dental program led by Jennifer is that All Care is one of the few providers in the area that accept Iowa Medicaid, which many vulnerable Iowans are enrolled in.

While joining the All Care team as a staff dentist, she became the organization's dental director following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic providing leadership at a tenuous time. Jennifer ensured her team had PPE and put other protocols into effect to reduce the spread of the virus, while maintaining the availability of services for those in need. Jennifer's team at All Care provided critical time-sensitive dental care to patients, who otherwise may have had very limited options to receive their care. While Jennifer is now the Dental Director, she continues to also see and care for All Care patients directly.

All Care Health Center in Council Bluffs has helped ensure vulnerable populations receive the attention and care they need. As part of the All Care team, Jennifer has demonstrated her clear commitment to doing the most for those in need. I am proud to honor Dr. Jennifer Black from All Care as Iowan of the Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF ATARAH MCCOY AND HER SERVICE TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise along with Henry C. Johnson, Chair of the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, to thank Atarah McCoy for her service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Atarah received her bachelor's degree from Princeton University and began her career in public policy and advocacy at the Ida B. Wells Just Data Lab. Atarah first joined the Judiciary

Committee as a Staff Assistant in July 2021, and in January 2022 was named Legislative Aide and Professional Staff Member for the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet.

As Staff Assistant, Atarah supported the full committee's senior staff and myself directly. A core part of my administrative team, Atarah acted as assistant clerk for over 16 hearings and 6 markups. Atarah also oversaw the committee's internship program. She is remembered for being a dedicated mentor and advocate for interns, ensuring that they professionally developed in an inclusive, welcoming environment—an especially difficult task during the COVID-19 pandemic when the office was primarily remote.

Recognized for her service, Atarah was promoted to Legislative Aide and Professional Staff Member for the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet. In this role, Atarah served as clerk for all Subcommittee business, and her work was essential to the success of much of the subcommittee's activities. She managed key parts of Subcommittee hearings, including working with witnesses, drafting speeches, remarks, and draft questions, and completing subcommittee hearing reports. Atarah was also instrumental in setting up a series of meetings with patent stakeholders to facilitate a ten-year review of the Patent Trial and Appeal Board.

Throughout all of her work, Atarah brought her commitment to public service, positive nature, and dedicated work ethic. She proved to be an excellent staffer who worked very hard on many critical but often unseen tasks with conscientiousness, professionalism, and grace. Our committee, Congress, and the American people greatly benefited from her service.

While we are sad to see Atarah go and she will certainly be missed, we are happy that she will continue to serve the public interest in her new role at a nonprofit legal organization pursuing racial justice.

We thank Atarah McCoy for her service to the committee and wish her the best of luck with this new chapter.

AWARDING CHIEF PETTY OFFICER ROBERT "BOB" DUNN A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Chief Petty Officer Robert "Bob" Dunn with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Navy exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Chief Petty Officer Dunn is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Chief Petty Officer Dunn spent many years supporting the Navy with his decorated engineering knowledge and skill set. He was first ported in Hawaii on *USS Tunny SSN-682* as a reactor operator and electronic technician. He relayed his experience to new servicemen through teaching at the Electronics Technician

Maintenance School in Hawaii. Chief Petty Officer Dunn was promoted aboard *USS Los Angeles* where he became a Chief Petty Officer in the Reactor Controls Division as well as a Reactor Operator and Engineering Watch Supervisor.

Chief Petty Officer Dunn served during the Cold War at a time in our nation's history when young minds in engineering and nuclear power helped propel America above the Soviet Union. Chief Petty Officer Dunn's time of service also included five Western Pacific deployments and an Eastern Pacific Deployment.

As a submarine sailor back in the 1980s, Chief Petty Officer Dunn worked long hours at the port, including 24-hour duty days. His submarine deployed for three to six months at a time which created challenges for his family. But above all, Chief Petty Officer Dunn persevered and demonstrated grit and passion to serve his country.

After retiring, Chief Petty Officer Dunn continued to embody a true American patriot through his involvement in the community as a Party Precinct President of the Royal Kunia area in Honolulu and a member of the Freemasons in Hawaii.

I am beyond honored to have Chief Petty Officer Dunn in Texas' 4th Congressional district and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING MERLINE BARTON

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians to recognize Merline Barton for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, the date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Merline Barton's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Merline Barton for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JOHN WONG

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the long life of a cultural force of eastern Connecticut, John Wong. John passed away peacefully at the age of 92 on January 28th, 2022. A resident of Uncasville, Connecticut, John used his time on this earth as a conduit to extend appreciation for Chinese culture and heritage among his fellow community members.

Born in 1929 in Canton, China, John was son to James and Ago Gay Wong. John and his family moved to the United States during the Second World War, in 1944, resettling in Connecticut. John attended Buckley High School in Hartford, where he gained an appreciation—and eventually a scholarship—for the study of Fine Arts.

Ever the dutiful son, John focused on supporting the family business, Wong's Restaurant, after graduation. The joys he experienced working in the restaurant inspired him to establish a restaurant of his own, China Lake, in 1956. Supported by the love of his life Kally, who he married in 1958, John and his restaurant came to be known as an iconic spot in Uncasville for more than 25 years. After selling China Lake in 1982, John used his entrepreneurial skills to embark on other successful ventures, such as the Connecticut Air Freight Logistic Co. and Sing's Kitchen-located in the Town of East Lyme. John's Sing's Kitchen was such a hit in the area that he had to upgrade it from a takeout destination into a full-fledged restaurant before passing the business onto his son, Nage, and moving into retirement.

Though there are many eras of John's life for which he was known throughout his community, some of his most impactful years came about after his retirement. He used his time wisely, nurturing and fostering his connections with friends and family to establish an immeasurable reputation across the region. A man with an eye for opportunity, he recognized the potential to help those within the community on a larger scale and formed the Chinese and American Cultural Assistance Association. The positive influence of the CACAA was immediately recognized within the community and membership grew exponentially across New London County. Due to John's efforts, southeastern Connecticut was exposed to a layer of culture it had not seen before; and in 2014, he was recognized by the Rotary Club of Norwich, CT, and given the Diversity Award.

It is through this advocacy that I first came to know John as an avid contributor to the community, a participant in countless public events, and an instrumental figure in bridging the cultural gap between the Asian community and residents of the district. John and my staff developed a close relationship that spanned over ten years, working on issues focused on immigration, education, and economic development. Many of these efforts will undoubtedly have generational impacts on members of our community and their families.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to have had the opportunity to represent constituents like John, who was so dedicated and creative toward the growth of his own community. I had the opportunity to meet John during my tenure in Congress and can personally attest to his relentless commitment to improving our region.

Throughout his life, he gave every project before him his all, and pushed to solidify an entire segment of a community within eastern Connecticut. For that we are grateful. Though we, alongside his fellow friends and surviving family—his daughter, Namie Tedford; sons, Nage and Walter Wong; and grandchildren—mourn his loss, we of course must seek to understand and preserve the weight of his life's work, which will continue to positively influence the district and state long beyond his

final days with us. To that end, it is most appropriate that my colleagues in the House join me in paying tribute to the inspirational, all-American story of the life of Mr. John Wong by preserving his memory through the permanence of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

AWARDING COMMANDER BRYAN CRITTENDON A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Commander Bryan Crittendon with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and State Guard exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Commander Crittendon is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Commander Crittendon served as a transport helicopter pilot during his time in the Marine Corps where he assumed the titles of Captain and Pilot. His service spanned the globe protecting American Sovereignty and the Constitution. His skill set and passion were practiced in service across: Beirut, Southern Europe, Iraq, the Persian Gulf, and Afghanistan.

Commander Crittendon ministered to many servicemen and their families as a Military Chaplain. His original mission was to fly, his service in ministry began after the 9/11 attack to preach to Marines in combat. Commander Crittendon's work as a chaplain extended across multiple positions including: USMC Battalion Chaplain, USMC Wing Chaplain, U.S. Coast Guard Chaplain, Naval Air Station Fort Worth Command Chaplain, and Naval Air Station Pensacola Command Chaplain.

Commander Crittendon continues to commit his life to service even after his discharge. While supporting a local rural church, his desire to aid fellow veterans has led him to become a member of the Marine Corps League. Despite being 70 percent disabled, Commander Crittendon has become a certified Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Trainer.

I am beyond honored to have Commander Crittendon in Texas' 4th Congressional district and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING REYNOLD MARTIN

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians to recognize Reynold Martin for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

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